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In accordance with the Draft Interagency Agreement (IAG) Schedules, construction is to start at the 881 Hillside on January 15, 1990. EG&G is proceeding as planned to start construction on January 15. However, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) has not yet been issued by DOE HQ.

The final EA was submitted to DOE HQ in September, 1989, in time for DOE to issue a FONSI by the date agreed to in the Draft IAG Schedules of September 22, 1989. The FONSI was drafted by DOE HQ in October, 1989, and we believe has been approved by the DOE offices responsible for NEPA compliance. However, it is our understanding that DOE HQ wanted to wait to issue the FONSI until the Interim Remedial Action Plan (IRAP) was finished. The final IRAP was submitted to the regulatory agencies on January 5, 1990. No substantial changes were made to the proposed remedial action. EPA and CDH will not accept any delays due to NEPA actions (i.e., FONSI approval), and missing IAG milestones could result in fines, violate the Compliance Agreement with the State of Colorado, and result in negative publicity.

As stated, EG&G is ready to start construction on January 15, 1990, in accordance with the Draft LAG Schedule; however, EG&G does not want to start without an approved FONSI and thereby violate DOE directives: start without an approved FONSI and thereby violate DOE directives: Accordingly, EG&G requests your assistance expediting approval of the FONSI so we can start construction on schedule. Should the FONSI require further correction, EG&G requests your guidance in correcting it so that we can affect a prompt correction and turnaround, and thereby minimize fines.

Please contact me personally at extension 4111 if you require any more information.

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